

* *Issue of Pattas in Kollegal Taluk*

424 SRI R. RACHE GOWDA (Hannur).—Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of land in respect of which patta has not been issued to the ryots in Kollegal taluk

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the reason for delay in issuing pattas is due to the shifting of the survey office to other place ?

SRI N. HUTCHAMASTHY GOWDA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) 22,436 acres and 07 guntas.

(b) No.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(i) *re: Wearing of helmets by riders of two wheelers compulsory.*

9-30 A.M.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—I call the attention of the Minister for Transport regarding wearing of crash helmets by riders of motor cycles and scooters.

SRI MOHAMED ALI (Minister for Transport and Tourism).—I wish to make the following statement (Statement enclosed).

With the increase in the cost of operation of motor cars and also, as vehicles suited particularly for the middle income group, the use of two wheeled vehicles is on the increase. From the accident statistics, it is observed that most of the fatal cases involving scooters and motor cycle riders are attributable to head injuries and even among the survivors a large percentage are found to be languishing with brain damage making life miserable both to the disabled victims and the person who have to look after them. It has been proved again and again that invariably in any motor cycle or a scooter accident it is the head injury that proves fatal. A motor cycle or a scooter is a vehicle capable of high speed and without any super-structure to protect the rider in case of an accident, it is a highly dangerous vehicle to handle. From a study conducted by the Central Road Research Institute, it was found that a motor cycle rider is 14 times more vulnerable than a driver of any other vehicles.

2. From an analysis conducted regarding accidents in Bangalore City, it is reported by the Road Safety Congress of the Automobile Association of Southern India, that the percentage of fatal accidents